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So far as the teaching side goes, I believe there is not much complaint on account of the smallness in the number of students. As a matter of fact, I think, there are better opportunities in Vizagapatam than in Madras. It is a point to be investigated, whether some more experienced people cannot be sent to Vizagapatam and some of those who are already there cannot be taken to Madras."

IV.—THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL—HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have just received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor regarding the Madras Estates Land Act (Amending) Bill. The Message is this:

MESSAGE.

I have given my careful consideration to the reports of the discussions in the Legislative Council and the representations that have been made to me by deputations and otherwise in respect of the Madras Estates Land (Amendment) Bill, 1934. Although notice of the principal amendments regarding inamdars had been before the Council since January 1933, I am satisfied that inamdars did not anticipate that those amendments would be incorporated in the Bill. In view of the complexity of the question involved, which, in my opinion, requires further consideration by the Council, I think it should be dealt with in a separate Bill which will be introduced by the Government early in the next session of the Council. At the same time, I consider that inamdars should not be permitted to acquire occupancy rights after the 1st November 1933 and that all pending proceedings in eviction should be stayed for a period of two years from that date in view of the proposed legislation.

I accordingly return the parts of the Bill specified below to the Legislative Council under section 81-A (1) of the Government of India Act for its reconsideration together with the amendments appended hereto, which I recommend.

1. Clause 4 (2).
2. Clause 4 (4).
3. Clause 5—Explanation (2) to sub-section (1) of new section 6; and the figure '(3)' in explanation (3) to the same sub-section.
4. Clause 7—New sections 8 (1), (3) and (5).
5. Clause 86—New section 163-A (1) (*a*)—the word and figure 'Explanation (3).'
6. Clause 104.
7. Clause 127.

List of Amendments.

1. *Clause* 4 (2).—For this clause, *substitute* the following, namely:—
'(2) for sub-clause (*d*) of clause (2), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:—
"(*d*) any village of which the land revenue without the kudiwaram has been granted in inam to a person not owning the kudiwaram thereof, provided that the grant has been made, confirmed or recognized by the British Government." '.

2. *Clause* 4 (4).—For this clause, *substitute* the following, namely:—

'(4) at the end of clause (10), the following shall be added, namely:—

"and includes

(*a*) all land which is proved to have been cultivated as private land by the landholder himself, by his own servants or by hired labour, with his own or hired stock, for a continuous period of twelve years immediately before the commencement of this Act; and

(*b*) all land in an estate within the meaning of sub-clause (*d*) of clause (2) the entire kudiwaram interest in which has been acquired by the landholder before the first day of November 1933, provided that where such interest is acquired by surrender or abandonment of the land by the ryot or by purchase at a sale for arrears of rent, the land is proved to have been cultivated as private land by the landholder himself, by his own servants or by hired labour, with his own or hired stock, for a continuous period of twelve years since the acquisition of the land." '

3. *Clause* 5—*New section* 6 (1).—(i) *Omit* Explanation (2); and (ii) for the figure '(3)' in explanation (3), *substitute* the figure '(2)'.

4. *Clause* 7—*New section* 8 (1), (3) *and* (5).—In new section 8—

(i) to sub-section (1), *add* the following proviso, namely:—

'Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall be deemed to apply to land in an inam village which becomes private land within the meaning of sub-clause (*b*) of clause (10) of section 3.'

(ii) in new sub-section (3), before the words 'have the effect of converting ryoti land into private land,' *insert* the words and figure 'except in the case referred to in the proviso to sub-section (1)'; and

(iii) *Omit* sub-section (5).

5. *Clause* 86—*New section* 163-*A* (1) (*a*).—*For* the word and figure 'Explanation (3),' *substitute* the word and figure 'Explanation (2).'

6. *Clause* 104—*Section* 185.—*Omit* the following, namely:—

'for the words and figures "was before the first day of July 1898 specifically let as private land," the words, letter and figures "was specifically let as private land before the first day of July 1898 or in the case of any estate within the meaning of sub-clause (*d*) of clause (2) of section 3, before the first day of July 1918" shall be substituted; and '.

7. *Renumber* clause 127 as sub-clause (1) of that clause and in the clause as so renumbered, for the words 'nothing in this Act,' *substitute* the words 'subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), nothing in this Act' and to that clause, *add* the following as sub-clause (2):—

'(2) No tenant in possession on the first day of November 1933 of any land in an inam village, not being an estate within the

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meaning of sub-clause (*d*) of clause (2) of section 3 of the said Act as amended by this Act, or admitted by the inamdar to possession of any such land subsequent to the said date, shall be liable to be ejected until the first day of November 1935 and all proceedings in ejectment of any such tenant and all proceedings involving a decision whether or not the inamdar has the kudivaram right in such land, shall be stayed until the first day of November 1935.

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall apply to any land the kudivaram interest in which has been declared or recognized before the first day of November 1933 to vest in the inamdar by a decree or order of a competent Court.'

" The amendments that have been proposed will be circulated to the Hon. Members of the House just after lunch time.

" Under Standing Order No. 6, if a Government Bill is returned by His Excellency the Governor for reconsideration, the Bill has to be entered as the first item of business after questions, on the first available day for Government business. As to-morrow is the first available day for Government business, this Bill will be entered as the first item after questions, in the list of business for to-morrow."

The House then adjourned for lunch.

After Lunch (2-30 p.m.)

III.—VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1934-35.

DEMAND XIX—MEDICAL—RESERVED AND TRANSFERRED.

* Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, I see that the efficiency in the administration of the Medical department is growing. I am extremely thankful to the Hon. the Chief Minister, to the Secretary and to the Deputy Secretary in charge of the department. I see that the Government feel very nervous in turning down any proposals which come from either the Surgeon-General or the Director of Public Health. I wish that the Government will, if they feel they are right, carry out their own suggestions with a strong hand. If they feel that certain proposals are not right, they must turn them down. They did it in one case in the Health department recently and that excited the admiration of all the people who were acquainted with that particular case.

" My young friend, Mr. Arasu, is a non-medical man. I congratulate him on possessing such a knowledge of the Medical department. He spoke of transferring people who were almost permanently stationed in Madras. Yes! There should be transfers once in three years in the interests of the Presidency. Whoever comes to Madras becomes a permanent fixture. He will not be willing to go and the Government do not take steps to transfer him out of Madras. They come here,